

## Run Leader Profile

Name: Matt Whitehill

Nickname: Percy (because i go bright red like the M&S sweet) and Cheggers (apparently when I had longer hair I looked like a young version...)

Hometown: Teesside (North East). A small town called Yarm, surprisingly a fair few people know it.

Professions: I joined Bank of America on a technology graduate scheme, it wasn't my thing so moved over to credit risk at mbna.

CRR Role: Runner representative committee member & run leader

Started running: I ran quite a lot as a junior but started again 3rd year of Uni, so 2013.

First Running Event: Nottingham 2014 Half Marathon (after 4 months in the USA eating too much food).

Favourite Event and why: It has to be the Jolly Holly Jog, Ripon, North Yorkshire. It happens between Christmas and New Year. 6 mile trail/cross country run around the grounds of a national trust property (Fountains Abbey). What is not to like?

Favourite running moment: It was a bittersweet moment, completing the Chester Marathon. I was on for a sub 3:30 but not training past 16miles meant I capitulated in the last 10km of the race and practically walked over the line. I'll be back!

Favourite CRR moment: Running with Denzel... that should be everyone's motive to run with Group 1.

Why do you run?: I am addicted to Strava, without all that data and comparisons I would have stopped a while ago.

2018 Goals: After being out injured for almost a year after STUPIDLY running the Chester Half with a severe stress fracture. I would like to get my times somewhere close to my old PBs. Doing a Duathlon is up there too.

Favourite Food: Carbs carbs and more carbs. I would love to open my own bakery.

Favourite Place: I have very fond memories of holidays in France, especially the Loire valley.

First thing you would buy with Lottery winnings: I can't justify buying myself a car, so probably an electric VW golf.

Three interesting facts:

1. I was an extra in a Courteeners music video. I have also seen them over 23 times...
2. I necked a full bottle of Calpol as a toddler and (just) managed to survive...
3. I went on a date with Jonny Wilkinson to watch Cars at the cinema